THE DESIRE and ADVICE OF THE LORDS and COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT TO His MAJESTY,

THAT

The next Assize and Generall Goale-delivery may not be Holden, &c.

WITH

HIS MAIESTIES Gratious Answer thereunto.

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TO THE KING'S *MOST EXCELLENT* MAJESTY.

THE *Lords and Commons in Parliament humbly ſhew, That Your Juſtices and other Liege People, who are or ſhall be ſummoned, or have other Cauſe to attend at the next* Aſſize, *and Generall* Goale-delivery *appointed to be ſhortly kept in the ſeverall Counties of* England *and* Wales, *cannot reſort thither without great perill of their lives, and Dammage to their Eſtates, by*

reaſon of the preſent miſerable Diſtractions, and being of Armed Forces in all parts of Your Realme, In regard whereof, the Lords and Commons doe humbly adviſe and deſire Your Majeſty *to command, That the ſaid* Aſsiſes *and Generall* Goale-delivery *be not holden as is appoynted, But that the ſame may be deferred untill it ſhall pleaſe God to reſtore Peace unto Your People.*

His Majesties *GRATIOVS ANSWER* to the fore-going Desire *and Advice.*

HIS *Majesty* hath weighed the Advice and Desire of the Lords and Commons, sent in a Letter to the Lord of *Falkland*, from the Earle of *Manchester*, concerning the putting off the Generall *Assizes*, and *Goale-delivery* throughout the Kingdom. To which His *Majesty* returnes this Answer;

That the preſent bloody Diſtraction of the Kingdom (which His *Majeſty* hath uſed all poſsible means to prevent, and will ſtill to remove) doth afflict His *Majeſty* under no Conſideration more, then of the great interruption and ſtop it makes in the Courſe and Proceedings of Iuſtice, and the Execution of the Lawes, whereby his good Subjects are robbed of the Peace and Security they were borne to; And therefore, as much as in Him lies, He will advance that only meanes of their happineſſe, At leaſt they ſhall ſee that their ſufferings that way proceed not from His *Majeſty*. And ſince they may now expect, by the Lawes, Statutes and Cuſtoms of the Kingdom, the *Aſsizes* and Generall *Goale-delivery* in every County, His *Majeſty* thinks not fit to command

mand the contrary, But will take ſevere and preciſe Order, that none of His good Subjects ſhall receive the leaſt Prejudice, as they repaire thither, by any of His *Majeſties* Forces; Which Rule He ſhall be glad to ſee obſerved by others; And then He hopes by the due execution of the Lawes, even theſe publique Calamities may have ſome Abatement, and the Kingdom recover its former Peace and proſperity.

FINIS.